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SUMMARY: IDA NUDEL MAY BE CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS HOOLIGANISM. ISAI GOLDSHTEIN ON WAY TO ARKHANGELSK TO TRY TO SEE HIS BROTHER GRIGORY. GOLDSHTEIN BELIEVES GAMSAKHURDIA'S TESTIMONY ELICITED BY PRESSURE. VLADIMIR ALBREKHT FACING INCREASED HARASSMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. SLEPAK ARREST; GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKIY CASES. SEPTELS REPORT DETAILS OF SLEPAK ARREST AND DEMONSTRATION WHICH PRECIPITATED IT, AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND RUMORS IN GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKIY CASES.

2. IDA NUDEL. ACCORDING TO REFUSENIK SOURCES, NUDEL WAS ARRESTED DURING SAME DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED SEPTTEL, WHICH LED TO SLEPAK ARREST. SHE WAS REPORTEDLY RELEASED, BUT ALSO FACES MALICIOUS HOOLIGANISM CHARGES.

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3. GOLDSHTEIN CASE. EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO ISAI GOLDSHTEIN AT SYNAGOGUE SATURDAY JUNE 3. HE IS PASSING THROUGH MOSCOW WITH HIS MOTHER ON WAY TO ARKHANGELSK IN ATTEMPT TO SEE HIS BROTHER GRIGORY. GOLDSHTEINS PLAN TO DEPART MOSCOW JUNE 6, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL PERMIT THEM TO REACH ARKHANGELSK, OR TO SEE GRIGORY IF THEY GET THERE.

ISAI HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT GRIGORY IS NOW ON HIS WAY FROM YAROSLAVL TO ARKANGELSK.

4. GMSAKHURDIA. GOLDSSTEIN SAID HE KNOWS GMSAKHURDIA WELL AND DOES NOT BELIEVE HIM TO BE THE KIND OF MAN WHO WOULD HAVE CONFESSED AS PORTRAYED BY SOVIET MEDIA UNLESS UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE. GOLDSSTEIN NOTED THAT GMSAKHURDIA HAD BEEN KEPT IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR SOME TIME AND WONDERS WHETHER HE WAS SUBJECTED TO CHEMICALS UNDER GUISE OF TREATMENT.

5. ANOTHER SOVIET SOURCE HAS HEARD THE FOLLOWING STORY FROM GEORGIAN FRIENDS: GMSAKHURDIA REPORTEDLY WAS TAKEN TO SEE SHEVARDNADZE HIMSELF. IN THE COURSE OF A LENGTHY CONVERSATION (LASTING "SEVERAL HOURS", ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE), SHEVARDNAZE TOLD GMSAKHURDIA THAT NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS WERE NEAR THE BOILING POINT IN GEORGIA, THAT A NATIONAL TRAGEDY COULD ENSUE FROM GMSAKHURDIA'S TRIAL UNLESS HE MADE A CONVINCING PUBLIC CONFESSION. AS A "GEORGIAN PATRIOT," GMSAKHURDIA FINALLY AGREED.

6. VLADIMIR ALBREKHT. A LONG-TIME HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND FORMER SECRETARY OF MOSCOW'S AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER, ALBREKHT HAS RECENTLY BEEN SUBJECTED TO INCREASED HARASSMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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